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## EXISTING CONDITIONS.

President Roosevelt in a recent  
speech in Denver said:

"In times past, republic after republic has existed in this world and has gone down to destruction, some times because the republic was turned into a government of the poor who plundered the rich; some times because it was turned into a government of the rich who exploited the poor. It makes no difference whatever to the fate of the republic which form its fall took. The fall was just as certain in one case as in another. It was just as certain to follow the election of a class which plundered another class, whether the class thus given mastery was the class of poor who plundered the rich, or the class of rich which exploited the poor. The destruction was as inevitable in one instance as in another."

In commenting upon the speech the Butte Inter Mountain says: "He declared without reservation that his action in regard to the republic of Panama originated in the belief that the Panama canal will go a great way towards solving disputes over freight rates by enabling steamship companies to compete with railway systems, and those who read his speech closely found between the lines the tacit confession that if, as has been charged, he did not actually plan the Panama uprising, the triumph of the insurrectionists at least evoked his sympathy, not only because he wished to see the Panama canal completed, but he wanted the beginning of its construction to signalize his presidential administration. Remarkable as was this allusion, in which the chief executive insinuates that a crisis is at hand and that as a body politic the citizens of this republic have come to the parting of the ways."

Such an assertion made 20 years ago by a man in Mr. Roosevelt's position would have raised a storm of disapproval. But as a nation we have been passing, since the depression of 1893-95, through a paroxysm of mental infidelity. The yellow journal, which the Astorian has frequently called attention, edited by men in ignorance of the truth, or who if they were cognizant of the facts, draw their pay to pervert it; the sensational preacher, of which Astoria has none, who after receiving his training in a divinity school, where he learns to expound the theories extant upon the affairs of heaven, comes forth to expound his theories upon the affairs of earth, with which he is little acquainted, and for which his training has unfitted him; the demagogue who would starve, and of which Astoria has many, who would starve if there were not factions, and whose business it is, therefore, to feed the flame of political and social fanaticism; the socialist labor agitator who butchers the language of their tongue in his efforts to arouse a people of whose conditions

he knows nothing, against something he does not comprehend, for something of which he has no clear conception: his antitype, the blind man, who would hurt himself against progress and preserve traditions which have ceased to have a meaning for men—these are only a few of the influences that have led up gradually to consider without protest and even with equanimity not only the ultimate possibility but the immediate probability of the dissolution of this republic and the substitution of some experimental form of government.

Few historians or philosophers have treated the republic other than a transient but a constantly reoccurring stage in the cycle of political growth and decay, which according to the Aristotelean school, moves from the stability of orderly monarchy, through oligarchy, democracy and anarchy back to despotism. "What is certain," says an eminent living historian, "is that democratic government everywhere, but especially in its republican form, calls for character as well as a highly developed political instinct in the mass of the people constituting the state."

There is a peril Mr. Roosevelt has not mentioned and which it would perhaps be exceedingly difficult for him to comprehend—the peril of crying "Wolf." If Mr. Roosevelt believed the dissolution of this republic an immediate possibility, he should have devoted his peroration not to speed-eagle optimism, but to a blunt statement of the facts; if he did not believe dissolution imminent, he should not have hinted at it. The anarchist has screamed the cry in our ears since the European upheaval of 1848. The socialist has not ceased to prophesy the triumph of his fanatical vagaries. The radical rump which has succeeded in disrupting an historic party to which the nation owes inestimable benefits, that hybrid monstrosity of populism, socialism and anarchy, has screeched at us since 1896 that unless it, a house divided within itself, is given control it knows not what may happen.

## COUNTY ASSESSMENT.

There are a number of people in Astoria who are inclined to the opinion that an increased assessment of all the property in Clatsop county would be beneficial in more ways than one. There are a number of street improvements that are absolutely necessary but which cannot be made because the assessed valuation of the property will not pay for the improvement. Only a valuation of 75 per cent can be placed upon any lot and in opening out new streets the cost of the improvement amounts to more than the property can be assessed for. Were it not for this fact two new streets could be opened up and improved upon which a number of property owners are anxious to build residences. Unless the street is opened up and improved they will be unable to build.

If the assessed valuation of all the county property aggregated about \$5,000,000 instead of \$4,000,000, the tax levy would be reduced one-half. Instead of the levy being 50 mills it would only be 25 mills. Another thing is apparent, the charter of the city of Astoria will have to be amended so as to increase its bonded indebtedness, or the assessment raised so that the city can levy a tax that will provide sufficient revenues to meet current expenses. The city is growing rapidly and many new streets will have to be opened out, and while it may be a burden to the tax payers the increased valuation of the property incident to the improvement of lots and building new houses will soon provide an increased revenue.

Several counties in the state are assessing property at its true cash value, as the law requires, and if the law is not lived up to, it should be repealed and a law enacted providing at what per cent property shall be assessed. Taxation, under the constitution must be uniform and equal, and this is an impossibility under the present system of low valuations and high assessments.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents  
With Comments by a Layman.

The Sullivan-Mitchell slugging match will come off at Tacoma. It is the only city in Washington where such things are allowed, in fact, Tacoma has been rightly named "The Gates to Hell."

The manufacture of cranks has been transferred from Kansas to Chicago. The college professors are a veritable incubator. The latest freak is a professor in chemical research who lives in a hut and wears nothing but a bathing suit. If the suit is anything like some seen at Seaside, he ought to be arrested for indecent exposure.

A Portland man was fined \$5 for singing "Bedelia." Miscreants in that city apparently get off easy.

The tiger may be sound asleep, but there is an occasional purr from the kitty in the back room.

Post Wheeler, who wrote the "Reflections of a Bachelor," is about to be married. The next batch he writes will be a sort of Post-Mortem reflections.

The man who invented "Duke's Mixture" is dead. Heart failure from the passage of anti-cigarette laws is said to be the cause.

It is said that no one ever refuses Russell Sage's money. Lack of opportunity.

Yesterday was a hard day on some people who were not legally married.

Mr. Herbert Croker may have acquired the habit that ended his life in some of the joints protected by his father when he was chief of Tammany. The sins of the fathers are visited upon the third and fourth generations.

Ungrateful Kansas is advertising for harvest hands instead of reinforcements for the special correspondents of the 10-cent magazines.

Isen is said to have announced that the three things he could not endure are children, music and flowers. It

Spring Clearance  
Sale of  
Shirt Waist Suits.

SHIRT WAIST SUITS made of a good quality changeable silk. Several colors to choose from.  
Regular, \$12.

Special .....\$9 60

SHIRT WAIST SUITS of excellent quality figured silk, pattern being a broken stripe, dainty design, in blue, brown, green and gray.  
Regular, \$14.

Special .....\$11 20

SAME STYLE SUITS of a better grade of material.  
Regular, \$18.

Special .....\$14 40

SHIRT WAIST SUIT, made of fine, heavy quality changeable silk in various colors, well finished.  
Regular, \$22.

Special .....\$17 60

We are pressed for room. The season is still before us. But we will give you an opportunity. Spring and summer shapes of street hats, at 50 per cent reduction. Shapes worth 62½ cents to \$1.25 will be sold for half price. No need to wait until July.

For this week we continue the 10 per cent reduction on Ladies' Underwear. Only a few values are mentioned below. Step in and see the others. A grand May opportunity.

CORSET COVER, Made of Long Cloth, with three insertions of Valenciennes lace and finished with Valenciennes edging. Regular price 42¢. This week, each.....38c

DRAWERS, Made of Cambric, trimmed with tucks, embroidery insertion and edging. Regular 62c. This week, each.....56c



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Women's Tan Oxfords in calf skin, made with welt, new lasts, \$3.50 and \$3.00  
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